

## ABSTRACT

1 A mailing machine for franking mail items. The mailing  
2 machine has a franking device having a franking head and  
3 a mail feeder. The mail feeder is adapted to feed the  
4 mail items to the franking head. A user interface has a  
5 display and a keypad. Circuitry is adapted to interface  
6 with the user interface. A first cover encloses a portion  
7 of the mailing machine. The first cover has a viewing  
8 area being transparent or semi-transparent. A user may  
9 view an interior portion of the mailing machine other  
10 than the display or in addition to the display through  
11 the viewing area of the first cover.